



“He is risen!”

“I said,

“He is risen, brother!

He – is – risen!””

“He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!”

*(An extract from: **Vanya** by Myrna Grant)*

What is the resurrection?

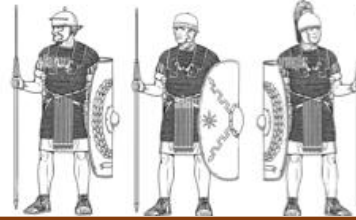
Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Christ died for our sins
in accordance with
the Scriptures

(1 Corinthians 15:3)



Friday



Saturday

He was raised on the 3rd day
in accordance with
the Scriptures

(1 Corinthians 15:4)



Sunday

Christ, being raised from the dead,
will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over Him.

(Romans 6:9)

“But who do you say that I am?”

Now when Jesus came into
the district of Caesarea Philippi,
He asked His disciples,

“**Who do people say that
the Son of Man is?**”

And they said,

“Some say **John the Baptist**,
others say **Elijah**,
and others **Jeremiah**
or **one of the prophets.**”

He said to them,

“**But who do you say that I am?**”

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(Matthew 16:13-16)

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No! Impossible!

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➤ **Life**

➤ **Love**



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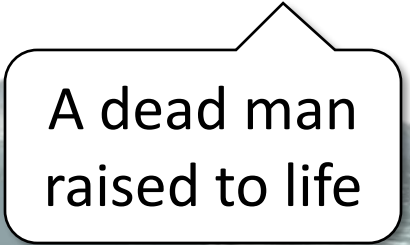
- **Light** – The resurrection of Christ as a sign
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The Pharisees and Sadducees came,
and to test Him they asked Him to show them
a sign from heaven.

He answered them...

*“An evil and adulterous generation
seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it
except **the sign of Jonah.**”*

(Matthew 16:1, 4)



A dead man
raised to life

Sunday morning

Now after the Sabbath...
there was a great earthquake,
for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven
and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

How do we know this?

His appearance was like lightning,
and his clothing white as snow.

And for fear of him the guards trembled
and became like dead men.

This happened
before the women
arrived at the tomb

(Matthew 28:1-4)

...some of the guard went into the city
and told the chief priests all that had taken place.

And when they had assembled with the elders
and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum
of money to the soldiers and said,

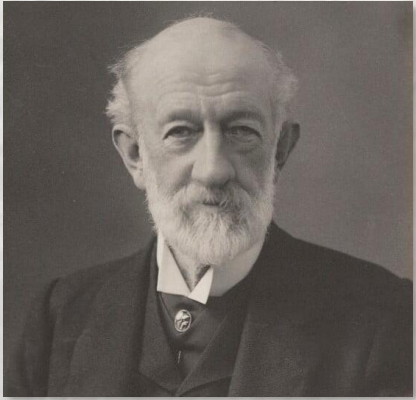
“Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night
and stole him away while we were asleep.’”

(Matthew 28:11-13)

God's witnesses to
the chief priests

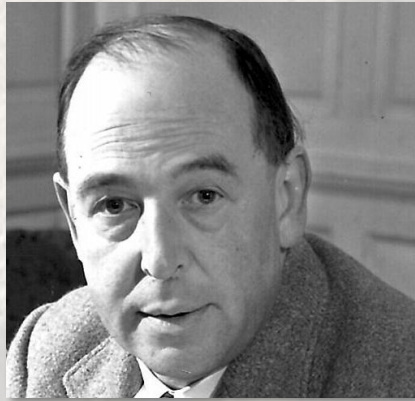
What an absurd
explanation for
the empty tomb!

➤ Light



Sir Robert Anderson (1841-1918)

“The resurrection of Christ is **one of the best attested facts in history...**
The evidence for it is so overwhelming that it compels acceptance
by every candid mind.”



C. S. Lewis (1898-1963)

“The earliest Christian writings are **not legends...**
but accounts written by men who were either **eyewitnesses**
or else had their information from eyewitnesses.”



John Lennox (1943-)

“The New Testament documents were written far too early to allow legend to replace fact...
The resurrection accounts come from within the lifetime of eyewitnesses.”

“If Jesus Christ really rose from the dead, then that is **the best news you will ever hear.**
If he did not, then Christianity collapses.”

Paul,
a servant of **Christ Jesus**...
who was...

declared to be **the Son of God in power**
according to the Spirit of holiness

by His resurrection from the dead...

(See Romans 1:1-4)

*What do you think
about the Christ?
Whose son is He?
(Matthew 22:42)*

Paul speaks to philosophers in Athens:

The times of ignorance God overlooked,
but now
He commands all people everywhere to repent,
because He has fixed a day on which
He will judge the world in righteousness
by a Man whom He has appointed;
and of this He has given assurance to all
by raising Him from the dead.

(Acts 17:30-31)

Including us all!



The resurrection of the Lord Jesus
proves that He is indeed
the Christ, the Son of the living God.



What is His resurrection
to you?

- **Light** – The resurrection of Christ as a sign
- **Life** – Death is defeated in the resurrection of Christ
- **Love**

➤ Life

One generation passes away,
and another generation comes...
(Ecclesiastes 1:4)

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35,664,573
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Plants die

Animals die

People die

Infant => Child => Youth => Adult => Middle age => Old age => Corpse

Disease

Weakness

Decay





I am the resurrection and the life.

Whoever believes in Me,
though he die, **yet shall he live**,
and everyone who lives
and believes in Me **shall never die**.

Do you believe this?

(John 11:25-26)



The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

...in hope that **the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption** and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

...we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as **we wait eagerly** for adoption as sons, **the redemption of our bodies.**

(See Romans 8:18-23)

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The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

(1 Corinthians 15:26)

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By the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,
all death is defeated forever.

...Christ Jesus,
who **abolished death...**
(2 Timothy 1:10)



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Love

For this is **the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD:

I will put My law within them,
and I will write it on their hearts.

And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

And no longer shall each one teach his neighbour and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,'
for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD.

For **I will forgive their iniquity**,
and I will remember their sin no more.

(Jeremiah 31:33-34)

Love

God shows His love for us in that **while we were still sinners,**
Christ died for us.

Since, therefore, we have now been **justified by His blood,**
much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.

For if **while we were enemies** we were reconciled to God
by the death of His Son, much more,
now that we are reconciled, shall we be **saved by His life.**

(Romans 5:8-10)

➤ Love

But God, being rich in mercy,
because of the great love with which He loved us,
even when we were dead in our trespasses,
made us alive together with Christ
—by grace you have been saved—
and raised us up with Him
and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
so that in the coming ages He might show
the immeasurable riches of His grace
in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
(Ephesians 2:4-7)

In His resurrection

In His ascension

 **Love**

In the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,
the great love of God has accomplished
His heart's desire – a people
who will share His glory forever.



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